

THURSTON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

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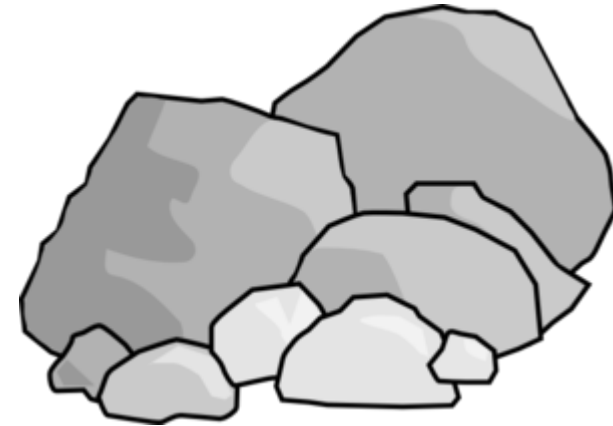


Mineral Resource Lands: Designation Criteria



OVERVIEW

- Mineral Lands Recap
- Overview of Work Completed since 9/20
- Draft Maps and Criteria
- Designation Mapping Options Discussion
- Next Steps



Staff are requesting a recommendation from the Planning Commission on the scope of the Mineral Lands Designation Criteria. The Planning Commission has indicated they want to hold a Public Hearing before making a recommendation.

MINERAL RESOURCE LANDS

Project Steps for Mineral Resource Lands

1. Identify and classify	Develop a countywide inventory based on geologic data on the location and extent of mineral deposits, existing land uses, and other factors. These areas are categorized based on their quality, using available data from DNR, USGS, and others
2. Designate	Identify priority areas where high quality mineral resources are available and compatible with existing land use patterns and other criteria.
3. Conserve	Establish policies that ensure future land uses will be compatible with mineral extraction in designated areas.
4. Permit	New mining operations planned in areas designated as mineral resource lands will still need to be reviewed before they are permitted to operate. Mining activities must abide by all relevant state and local regulations, including environmental rules.

Comp Plan Update

EXISTING DESIGNATION CRITERIA: TC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Minimum Designation Criteria: Chapter 3		
1. <u>Mineral Deposits</u>	Should contain deposits based on USGS maps, DNR permits, or site specific geologic information	This information is being provided/updated in the inventory
2. <u>Location</u>	<p>Not adversely impact nearby land uses, public health or safety</p> <p>1,000 ft from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public preserves, • urban growth areas (UGAs) • residential areas with existing densities > 1/5 <p>60% of area within 1,000 ft of a proposed site must have parcels of 5 acres or larger (excludes applicant)</p>	
3. <u>Minimum Site Size</u>	5 acres	
4. <u>Marketability</u>	Mineable, recoverable, marketable	
5. <u>LTA and Historic</u>	Long-term agriculture lands and historic/cultural sites are excluded	
6. <u>LTF</u>	Long-term forestry lands may be co-designated	

EXISTING DESIGNATION CRITERIA:TC CODE (20.30B)

Minimum Designation Criteria: 20.30B TCC

Most Criteria are the same as in the Comprehensive Plan

EXCEPTION Critical Areas

- Site does not contain the following critical areas: Zone 1 or Zone 2 areas for Group A public water systems, Class 1 or 2 wetlands or their buffers, FEMA 100-year floodplains, habitat areas for threatened or endangered species or their buffers
- Site is located away from geologically hazardous areas (steep slopes)

A full critical area review is done at the time of application.

MINERAL LANDS RECAP: AS TO QS

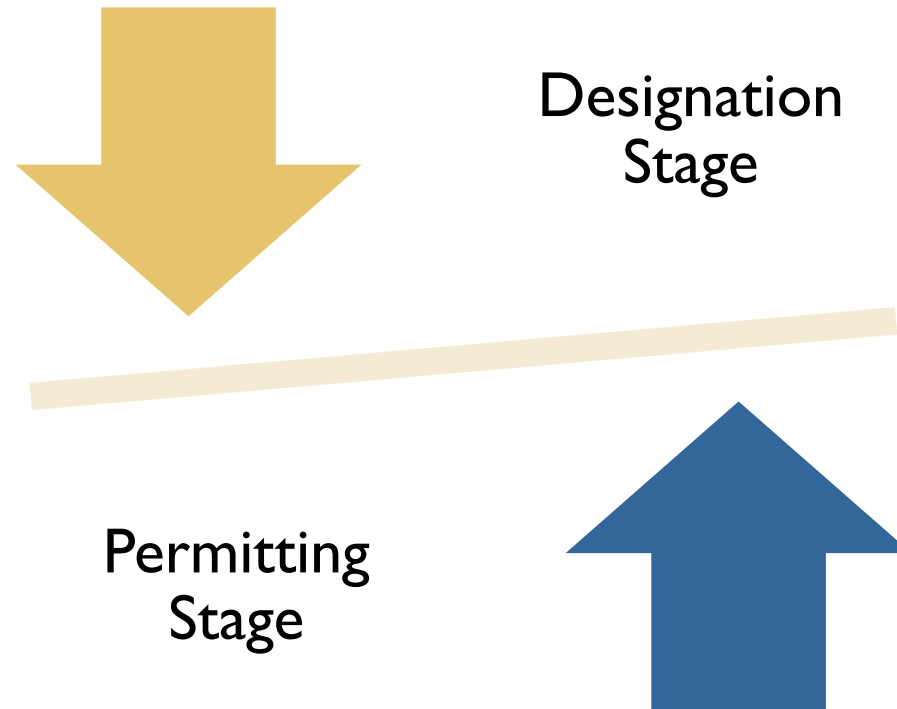
- Minimum 5-acre Site Size?
 - Recommended by Mineral Lands Task Force
- 1,000 Ft Setback from Parks and Preserves and UGAs
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 - Limits off-site impacts (noise, traffic, dust, etc)
 - Park buffer excludes 4,543 acres not excluded by other criteria in baseline (Map #1)

MINERAL LANDS RECAP: AS TO QS

- Agricultural activities, mining, Mazama Pocket Gopher Habitat
 - Agricultural activities included in Federal 4(d) rule
- Archeological and pre-European settlement sites
 - Generally are not included in Thurston County database of historic sites
 - Records maintained by Washington State Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 - Typically these sites are confidential, and cannot be incorporated into a countywide map

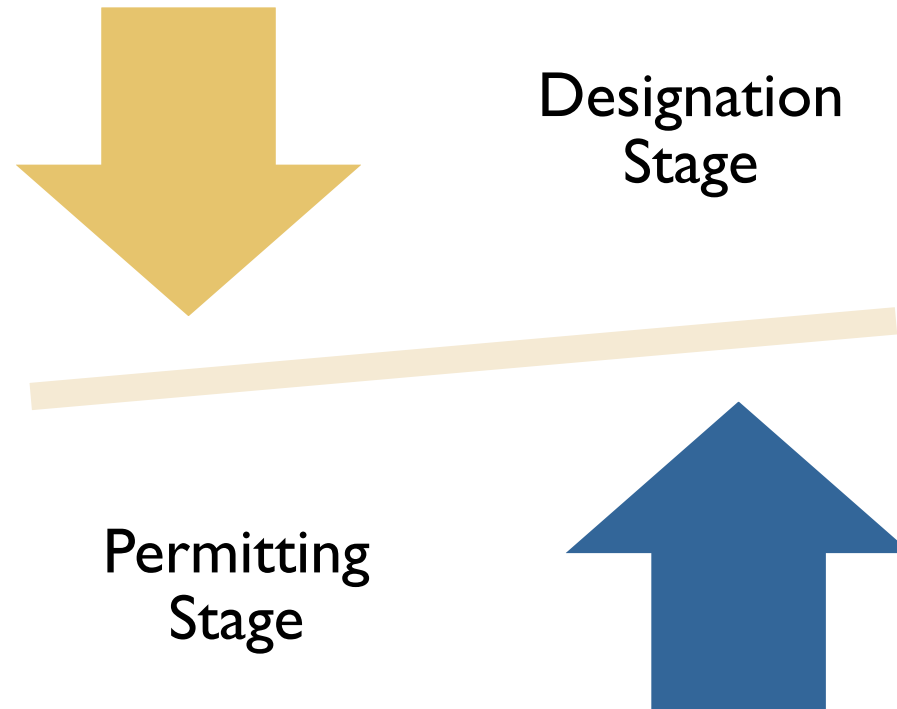
DESIGNATION: ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- Jurisdiction
- Land Use Factors
 - Compatibility with Adjacent Land Uses
 - Sensitive Land Uses
- Environmental Factors
 - Critical Areas
 - Shorelines
 - Habitat



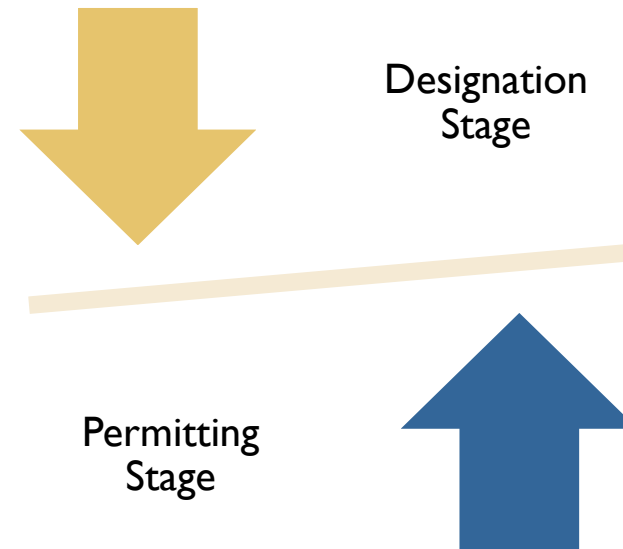
BREAK

- Review Maps
- Criteria Dot Exercise



NEXT STEPS

- Planning Commission
 - November 15 – Review of Options
 - December
- MRL Designation Scope Options
 - 1. Broad approach
 - 2. Narrow approach
 - 3. Blended – which criteria to include at which stage?

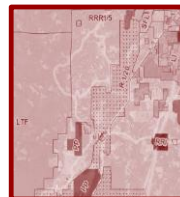


Questions?

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Natural Resources



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Environment



Capital Facilities



Health

